



Coyotes with habits get trapped and shot.



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LOCATION: Happy Halloween!

MOOD: 😊 happy birthday to me.

MUSIC: Shane! Come back, Shane!

Sometimes, when you can't be who you used to be, what works is to change everything. Sometimes, the urge to change everything is part of the pattern that needs to be changed.

I've got a whole bunch of habits that need to be changed, and one of them is the habit of letting go, of not having any habits. I'm too good at it. I always have been.

My life doesn't have chapters, like a novel. It's been an anthology. Individual short stories, with a beginning and a middle and an end, and the only way they ever connected was because they happened to lie between the same covers.

You carry a hook knife, and if you ever get tangled you just slash yourself free.

That stops now, I guess. Even if it means facing things I never wanted to have to learn to face.



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This.

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Little guy's not bad.

Gotta teach RHex to smear.

57 comments



 splashiator




October 31 2008, 04:19:11 UTC COLLAPSE

I only know what you're talking about in an intellectual sense; it isn't something I've dealt with personally. I have friends who, when speaking of major changes in their lives, recommend hallucinogens, but I'm leery of that myself, and I imagine you'd be even more so. This leaves only sending warm wishes in your direction, and trusting that you remember that it's the time you waste for them that makes a friend a friend.

-Splash



 splashiator

October 31 2008, 04:25:20 UTC COLLAPSE

Oh, and natal joy. Or merry birthday, as you say.

-Splash



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November 1 2008, 23:48:31 UTC COLLAPSE

Thank you.




 beatriceeagle

October 31 2008, 04:40:01 UTC COLLAPSE

I'm glad that you haven't ended this story; it would have meant you were gone from my own, and I would hate that. I wish you luck with what you have to face.

Happy birthday, Chaz.

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November 1 2008, 23:51:00 UTC COLLAPSE

I'd have hated to have you gone from mine, too.



 beatriceeagle

November 2 2008, 15:41:53 UTC COLLAPSE

Symmetry. I like it. *g*

 dichroic

October 31 2008, 04:54:03 UTC COLLAPSE

Happy birthday. Whatever pain the next year brings (since what you say above means some is inevitable) I hope there's a lot of joy there as well.

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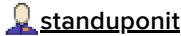
November 1 2008, 23:51:26 UTC COLLAPSE

Thank you, and the same in return.



saoba
October 31 2008, 05:10:58 UTC COLLAPSE

Happy birthday, from one October baby to another.



standuponit
November 1 2008, 23:51:40 UTC COLLAPSE

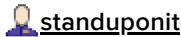
Happy birthday!



txanne
October 31 2008, 05:56:48 UTC COLLAPSE

My mama, who is very smart, says facing things you don't want to face is one of the hallmarks of being a grownup. Also she says complaining is okay, as long as you do it while facing the unpleasant stuff. FWIW.

And happy birthday. May you find joy!



standuponit
November 1 2008, 23:52:28 UTC COLLAPSE

What if you don't want to be a grownup?

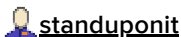
I guess that would fall into the category of facing things you don't want to face.

Happy birthday!



txanne
November 1 2008, 23:57:10 UTC COLLAPSE

Yeah, pretty much. OTOH, if you stay a kid, there's still stuff you don't wanna face--the difference being that the grups can make you. I'd rather make myself do stuff than let somebody else make me. Also, it's better to have a salary than an allowance.



standuponit
November 2 2008, 00:02:21 UTC COLLAPSE

And it's better when you have the option of choosing not to face stuff. especially stuff it's stupid to try to face.



txanne
November 2 2008, 03:44:51 UTC COLLAPSE

Perzackly. I wouldn't be a kid again for all the tea in China. (Nor 30, for that matter. 40 is treating me much more kindly, although I still don't feel quite comfortable calling myself a real grownup.)




inaurolillium
October 31 2008, 07:35:12 UTC COLLAPSE

Happy Birthday, hon.
And you have my sympathies.

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[November 1 2008, 23:55:05 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)


Thanks. You make one awesome mad gastronomer. *g*

 [inaurolillium](#)

[November 2 2008, 07:45:15 UTC](#) Edited: November 2 2008, 07:47:17 UTC [COLLAPSE](#)

Thanks! *blush*

Ooo! And what my post didn't say was that I had [Miraculin tablets](#) with me, as my SCIENCE! project prop.

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[November 2 2008, 12:21:41 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Think Geek: the internet equivalent of the X-ray-spec ad pages in comic books.

 [inaurolillium](#)

[November 2 2008, 20:35:53 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)


Quite true, quite true. But these do actually work.

 [calanthe-b](#)

[October 31 2008, 10:23:08 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

That sounds hard, and scary. Best of luck with it.




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[November 1 2008, 23:55:14 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Thank you.

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[November 1 2008, 23:55:56 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Happy birthday to you, too.

Fun is maybe not the right word. ;-)

Glad to see you back from your spasm of deletion as well....

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[November 2 2008, 00:21:11 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Sky Coyote, check.

No, it makes sense.

Apparently, there are people who care if I exist. It's kind of hard to get used to.

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November 2 2008, 00:43:56 UTC COLLAPSE

I'm not anybody's other people. I dunno. I haven't been, anyway. I guess That's not true anymore.



[jimsmyth](#)

November 4 2008, 02:24:13 UTC COLLAPSE

I am trying to face the thought that I seem to be alot of other people's other people.

One of my old friends is on FaceBook (or however you CapiTalize that word) and sent me his profile. In a matter of days, I've got... (1..2..3.. gak!) 22 others.

I can have People. That's fine. *Being* People, though, that's another matter.

Tis scary, it what it is.



[themaskmaker](#)

November 2 2008, 13:40:22 UTC COLLAPSE

Gosh. That... hurts. I should think about that, and I don't wanna. I've never really been anyone's "other people" either.



[cjtremlett](#)

October 31 2008, 12:21:42 UTC COLLAPSE

Happy Birthday!

Any advice I could give would probably come off as inane. I'm just glad to see you're here.

And damnit, universe, make this year a better one for the Platypus!



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November 1 2008, 23:56:08 UTC COLLAPSE


Thank you.



[capecorey](#)

October 31 2008, 12:27:29 UTC COLLAPSE


Happy Halloween, b'day boy.

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[November 1 2008, 23:56:20 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)


Thank you!

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[November 1 2008, 23:56:35 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Thank you. I did!

 [nebula99](#)

[October 31 2008, 13:30:26 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Best wishes and happy birthday.

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[November 1 2008, 23:56:48 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Thank you!

 [themassembler](#)

[October 31 2008, 14:06:08 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Many happy returns of the day.

(I'm an acquaintance of  [edschweppe](#)'s, and followed him here.)

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Hi, and thank you!

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 [themassembler](#)

[November 2 2008, 13:44:47 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)


It's somewhere in Europe, actually. I found it in a set of old photos I scrounged of someone's trip to Europe, long, long ago. I'm fascinated by ruins.

 [Ometotchtli](#)

[October 31 2008, 14:17:08 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

happy birthday!

Hey, you gonna eat that last doughnut? Or are you gonna save room for cake?

 standup on it

October 31 2008, 14:17:46 UTC

COLLAPSE

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